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In re Application of:

Galdes et al.

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For: Methods and Compositions for  
Treating or Preventing Peripheral  
Neuropathies

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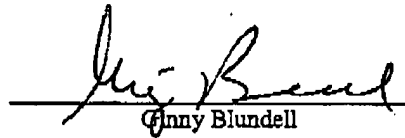
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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed April 17, 2003, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

**In the claims:**

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 16, 17, 18, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 52, 53, and 59-73.